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## Come to the Red Cross Carnival. Skating Rink, Wednesday, February 19



### Red Cross Notes

A very nice start has been made by the members and friends of the war work board. At the meetings the last two Tuesdays one comforter was completed and quilted, one quilt top was pieced of flannelette scraps and quilted, one quilt top was pieced of men's suits that had been ripped, washed and pressed, besides work being done on the making of pyjamas, boys' shirts, etc.

Anyone having flannelette pieces of any color or discarded wool clothing that could be made into these warm quilts, the work committee would be very grateful for help of this kind.

Next Tuesday the sewing bee will be held at the home of Mrs. Ross McFarland. Any volunteer help will be greatly appreciated.

A Red Cross executive meeting was held at the manse Monday evening, Rev. E. Longmire presiding. Final arrangements were made and committees were formed for the big ice carnival to be held at the local rink Wednesday, February 19th. A booth for the selling of weiners, buns, coffee and doughnuts, is being planned.

There is a whisper that a junior Red Cross may be formed in the very near future to give our boys and girls a chance to do their small bit to help in this most worthy cause.

### RED CROSS APPEAL

There's more that goes to win a war than tanks and planes and guns—Than men prepared to do their best To overthrow the Hunns.

The home front too must play its part And you can do your bit To help our gallant fighting lads By starting now to knit.

You cannot knit too many things To keep out wet and cold, Like mittens, helmets, socks and scarves.

Go to it, young and old.

The Army, Navy, R.A.F.

Are counting on your aid.

Your ammunition, "Red Cross Wool"

Till Adolf's bill is paid.

—Miss M. E. Richardson.

### MOTORISTS BUILT THE ROADS

Motor car owners of Alberta contributed the huge sum of approximately \$40,000,000.00 by way of special taxation between January 1st, 1922 and March 31st, 1928. Adding to that sum prospective receipts from gas taxes and motor license fees for the current year, it is believed that the total is sufficient to cover the entire expenditure by the provincial government over the years mentioned. This expenditure includes construction of highways, ferries and bridges, together with the expenses of departmental administration and maintenance, also interest on the money expended at five per cent per annum.

The motor car owners of Alberta have thus actually built all the highways out of their own pockets during the years 1922 to 1940 inclusive.

Mr. A. W. Maguire, president of the Calgary branch of the Alberta Motor Association, gave this information to the public in the course of an interview in which he voiced the opinion that all money received from gasoline taxes and motor licenses should be earmarked for the exclusive purpose of highway building and maintaining.

Cider jelly is an excellent accompaniment for turkey. Or mold it in ring shape, fill the centre with chilled diced fruit and surround it with salad dressing. Serve as first course salad.

### W.I. MEETING

Regular meeting of the W.I. was held February 6 in Hedley's hall. It was decided to hold a St. Patrick's Tea Saturday, March 15. Sewing committee distributed sewing for bazaar yearly program for approval. Mrs. E. Genger read a very interesting paper on immigration and Canadianization. Miss Audrey Jones played two delightful piano solos. Raffle donated by Mrs. Hagen, won by Mrs. Thurston. There were 21 members and 2 visitors present. Hostesses were Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Ott.

### NOTHING IS INEVITABLE

(Editorial from the New York Times, Jan. 19, 1941)

Six months ago the world waited in breathless horror for the Nazis' secret weapon. Now we know what it is. It is the belief in democratic countries, spread sometimes innocently, sometimes otherwise, that something beyond our control is happening to our civilization and that Nazism and Communism are expressions of the future.

This new superstition denies choice. It denies free will. Yet we hear it, not whispered but shouted, not shamelessly suppressed but proclaimed, in free America. What, in practical terms, does it mean? It means a submission to fate, which is in reality a cowardly submission to violence. It means slavery, not to an idea but to the men of blood who hide their malignant lust for power behind the shabby rags of an idea. To say that we must submit to a future which we do not dictate terms is to say, specifically that we must submit to Hitler or Stalin, or if he is not already defeated, Mussolini.

Well, must we? We had better weigh our answer, for if we say yes, our national "preparedness" would be a joke that makes the gods of the new Olympus roll with laughter.

The leaders of the French Republic were convinced that they could not "fight the future." Now there is no French Republic. The British people were not convinced. At Dunkirk they said "no." They surrendered: they did not surrender. When Goering's air fleet came over it again said surrender: they did not surrender. When Mussolini marched on Egypt it said retreat. Instead they took Sidi Barrani and Bardia and eighty thousand prisoners.

The Greeks were not convinced. For them the Fascist armies were not the bearers of an invincible "new order." They were braggarts who had come on a dangerous errand unprepared. In the mountains of Albania the Fascist "future" took what may be its fatal wound.

We need clearer answers than these to the new philosophy of defeat? The true future is no mystic tide that steals upon us while we sleep. It is what free humanity wills it to be—what it wills it to be with men, guns, tanks, airplanes, fighting ships; what it wills with confidence and passion in brotherhood and justice. Democracy stands or falls upon the doctrine that no man and no nation need be the slave of destiny, or of any insolent minority which assumes the robes of destiny.

Nothing is inevitable! We can challenge and master the future. Those who doubt have a right to their opinion. But they are poor friends of human freedom and of this Republic as at present constituted.

Always wrap a rubber hot water bottle in soft cloth before placing in patient's bed. Place the bottle near, but not against the patient's flesh. If placed too close the patient may be burned before realizing it.

### Hockey Notes

After the official score showed three to nothing for Holden in the second period of a league game played here on February 10, the Irma team gradually pushed ahead until at the end of regulation time it was three all. Ten minutes overtime was then played without either side scoring although there was one that the Irma players claimed a goal was made for them. However it was not counted and the score remained a tie at the end of the game.

The game opened up with Holden taking the lead by scoring two goals early in the first period. The Irma boys gradually warmed up to the attack in the second period but not until Holden had scored the third time. Before the period ended, Hendricks made one for Irma. In the third period the Irma team got up to their usual pace and scored twice, Jones getting one and Hendricks assisted by Jones the last one.

Robinson scored all three goals for Holden, assisted by Logan in one of them and B. Grycan the other two.

It was a very fine clean game all the way through.

Holden—Ovens, Dorin, Logan, Robinson, Good, B. Grycan, Crooks, P. Grycan, N. Grycan and R. Gordeau.

Irma—Inkin, Jones, Guillot, Tory, Smith, Hendricks, Glasgow, A. Sonestoff and Carter.

Referee—R. L. Martin.

The Irma Pee Wees went to Wainwright Saturday afternoon, Feb. 8 for a game and came home at the small end of a 7 to 0 score.

Tickets on a large and handsome box of chocolates were sold previous to the game. The Irma—Holden game and the draw made that evening. Mr. John Ostad was the judge of the draw.

On Thursday, February 6th, Orphide suffered a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the Irma Juniors. The hockey was good and the game was hard fought all the way through. Irma scorers were: Webber from Jones, McFarland from Elford, Jones from McFarland.

Irma—McFarland, Elford, Webber, Raham, Knudson, McMillan, Jones, Simmerman, G. Inkin, T. Sonestoff.

We were unable to get the Orphide date lineup.

Referee—W. Inkin.

Saturday witnessed another victory for the juniors. This time the visiting team was Roseberry. The score was 5-4. This game was characterized by considerable rough play and a few minor heated discussions.

Don Savard came through with all of Roseberry's goals while S. Fenton garners assists in three of these.

Irma scorers were Simmerman and Elford with one each and Raham with three.

Irma—McFarland, Elford, Webber, Raham, Charnier, Charter, Simmerman, T. Sonestoff.

Roseberry—J. Meyer, Walker, D. Savard, M. Younker, F. Younker, B. Whiteley, F. Meyer, S. Fenton, A. Jones, A. Cook.

Referee—P. Inkin.

### AIR WAVES

With Canada's war effort becoming a real and tangible thing, radio is taking its place with other advertising media to bring the fact to the attention of listeners—and the listeners are hearing plenty. The war savings committee for the dominion have taken time on the CBC to bring such presentations as "Our Family" every week, Monday through Friday at 5:15 p.m., and then the All-Star War Savings Program every Friday night for a full hour, commencing at 8:15. After listening to these presentations I am sure that we all will have a clearer understanding of just what is expected of us and that we all will be in there to the best of our ability. With all of us with our shoulders to the wheel we will be doing our part to smash the Juggernaut that Hitler drives as well as all that Nazis stand for.

Onion or fish odors can be removed from the hands by rubbing them with dry mustard or salt and then rinsing them in clear water.

### Albert District News

Mrs. R. C. Johnson and Mrs. L. H. Bars were sponsors for the card party at the school on Friday, January 31. War savings stamps were won by Mrs. W. E. Ramsay and John Barnes.

Mr. N. Babij is home again from Mannville hospital.

Albert local U.F.A. held a meeting in the school on Monday night.

The purchase of war savings certificates with Local funds is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Annual meeting of the local school board was held on Friday, February 7. New trustees elected were L. H. Barnes and A. R. McRobert who will finish the term for Pte. Matheson.

### Women's Institute Program for 1941

Following is the program of the Irma W.I. for the year 1941. The dates, names, places, etc., appear in the order of: Month, Place of meeting, Paper, Raffle, Hostesses, and Roll call.

February—Hedley's hall; Mrs. E. Enger, Canadianization and immigration; Mrs. Hagen; Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ott, Mrs. Fletcher; Your favorite cookie recipe.

March—Hedley's hall; Mrs. McFarland, education and better schools; Mrs. Percy Jones; Mrs. Long, Mrs. Enger, Mrs. Webber; Irish joke.

April—Hedley's hall; T. Sanders, legislation; R. Larson; Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Hagen; My favorite pastime.

May—Hedley's hall; Reading from history of Women's Institute; Mrs. Long, Mrs. Bushee, Mrs. G. Lessard, Mrs. McLean; Tribute to mother or mother's maiden name.

June—Hedley's hall; Mrs. Stougaard, household economics; Mrs. McLean; Mrs. Milburn, Mrs. A. Peterson, Mrs. J. Rae; My first impression of Irma.

July—Mrs. H. Peterson; Grandmother Day; Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. W. Stevenson; August—Hedley's hall; Mrs. J. Rae, agriculture and Canadian industries; Mrs. McFarland; Mrs. Stougaard, Mrs. E. Rae, Mrs. Peachar; canning hints.

September—Hedley's hall; Mrs. Webber, handicraft; Mrs. Martin; Mrs. L. Peterson, Mrs. Stockton, Mrs. W. Stevenson; October—Mrs. Weise, Mrs. C. Archibald; Favorite recipe supper dishes.

November—Hedley's hall; Planning for Christmas cheer.

December—Hedley's hall; annual meeting; Mrs. Milan; Mrs. Milan, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Watson; Donation for Christmas cheer.

### ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

If Canada has a carryover of 576 million bushels of wheat on July 31, 1941, as forecast by the dominion bureau of statistics, it will mean that, on the basis of the current year's domestic requirements and probable exports which total 276 million bushels, there will be enough wheat on hand for two years without a bushel being raised in Canada. Furthermore there will be a carryover of 24 million bushels at the end of the two year period. Such a supply of wheat is sufficient to meet domestic requirements for 4½ years without any wheat being produced in the dominion.

### Variety Concert

At IRMA FEB. 25th

A Variety Concert consisting of Dr. Greenberg's motion pictures, Wainwright artists and Irma talent, will be held in Hedley's hall on Tues., Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. under the auspices of St. Mary's Anglican Church.

Adults 25c Children 15c

### Speakers to Address District Wide Meeting on War Savings Pledge Campaign

In Elks Hall, Viking, Tuesday, Feb. 18

A public meeting on behalf of the War Savings Pledge campaign will be held in the Elks Hall on Tuesday, February 18th, commencing at 8 p.m. Mr. R. E. Staples and Mr. H. R. Miller of the Edmonton War Savings Committee will be present to address the meeting on the purpose of this drive which is now going on in all parts of the province, in fact, all over Canada.

### Social Crediters Hold Camrose Seat

SAYERS WINS SEAT FOR SOCIAL CREDIT IN CAMROSE VOTING

Springing into the lead with the first polls heard from and widening his margin as later returns rolled in, Chester J. Sayers, Meeting Creek farmer and Social Credit standard-bearer, was elected to the legislature for the Camrose provincial constituency in a by-election held Thursday. The voting was made necessary by the death last October of Hon. D. B. Muller, then minister of agriculture.

With all 41 polls heard from, Mr. Sayers rolled up an official total of 2,413 votes as against 1,867 for Mr. Ronning, a lead of 546.

In the 41 polls the combined vote of Mr. Sayers and Mr. Ronning was 3,278. This was the first time Social Credit and C.C.F. forces had tangled in a straight election fight.

Gold or silver cloth shoes will not tarnish if they are wrapped in black tissue when not in use. A black stocking pulled over the shoe may be used instead of black tissue paper.

Fugitive: Quick! Where can I hide? The police are after me.

Office employee: In the filing cabinet. Nobody can ever find anything there.

Mistress: I watched you kiss that policeman who called on you in the kitchen. Why did you do it?

New maid: Well, don't you know it's against the law to resist an officer?

### SALE ON OVERSHOES

One Week Only

LADIES' FUR TRIM	Reg. \$2.45, now... 2.19
MISSES, 3 Buckle	Special 1.39
Pair	1.49

BOYS' 1 Buckle	per pair 1.15
	finest quality, per pair 2.39

FELT SOCKS	Boys 1.89 Mens 2.19
	MEN'S FELT BOOTS per pair 2.25

### Grocery Specials

Buy ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR

266 Prizes given away every month. Ask us regarding contest rules

BLUE RIBBON TEA Some stock yet on hand at per pound 65c

BLUE RIBBON COCOA 1 pound tin 25c

OXYDOL Giant size 65c

ROME BEAUTY APPLES Buy these and keep fit. per box 1.79

TOILET SOAP assorted, 6 for 25c

CARMEL CANDY 1/2 pound 15c

WE SHIP HOGS EVERY TUESDAY

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**NO TEMPORARY RELIEF  
FOR ME...I'M THROUGH  
WITH CONSTIPATION!**



Yes, thousands of people suffering from constipation due to lack of the right kind of "bulk" in their diet have been able to overcome this trouble. There is a sensible way to correct this condition... far better than cathartics, which only give temporary relief.

If you suffer from constipation trouble, try eating delicious KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN every morning. It contains the necessary "bulk" to help you become "regular"... naturally!

With just one bowl of hot KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN daily... drink plenty of water... and discover for yourself how easily your old "trouble" disappears. Get KELLOGG'S ALL-BRAN! Available in two delicious sizes at all grocers! Made by Kellogg's in London, Canada.

## The Source Of Strength

What is behind the morale which is supporting the British people in their hour of trial? What is back of the indomitable spirit which enables them to take the tremendous blows which they sustain when they are bombed out of house and home and come up again fighting? What is it, if it is not Christianity, a belief in God?

The gallant people of Great Britain, with their backs to the wall realize that they are fighting for the preservation, not only of their right to govern themselves in the way they choose, but also for the right to worship as they wish, for the right to remain Christians—the right to believe in God. They know that if they are conquered by Hitler and Nazism, they will no longer have the right even to their religious beliefs or of access to the source of the comfort which sustains them, under great difficulties and under unparalleled stress and strain.

The Sunday Express of London, about a year ago published an article by Dr. Hermann Rauschning, former Nazi president of Danzig, in which he quotes Hitler as making the following declaration at a tea party, at which Rauschning was present:

"The religions are all alike, no matter what they call themselves. They have no future—certainly none for the Germans. . . . The Italians and the French are essentially heathens. Their Christianity is only skin deep. But the German is different. He is serious in everything he undertakes. He wants to be either a Christian or a heathen. He cannot be both. A German church, a German Christianity is distortion. One is either a German or a Christian. You cannot be both. We don't want people who keep one eye on the life in the hereafter. We need free men who feel and know that God is in themselves."

And a little earlier in the conversation, which occurred shortly after Hitler became Reich Chancellor, Hitler is quoted as discussing the possibility of Fascism and the Church coming to terms: "So shall it! Why not? That will not prevent me from tearing up Christianity root and branch, and annihilating it root and branch in Germany."

It was from that conversation, Rauschning dated his inner revolution against National Socialism. "For now I began to understand its true nature and aims."

### Behind The Resolve

Hitler's subsequent actions have served but to confirm in dire manner his intentions to impose this doctrine, not only upon his own people but of the entire world.

Is it any wonder that the democratic, free nations of the world who believe in God and cherish the right to worship him are willing to make every sacrifice that can be conceived to prevent this monstrous concept being fastened upon them? "We don't want people who keep one eye on the life in the hereafter."

It is just this right "to keep one eye on the life in the hereafter" that is giving the people of Britain the moral and spiritual strength to stand the hard knocks they are receiving and that is fortifying them in an undying resolve never to give in.

### Playing Their Part

In 250 cities and towns of bomb-wrecked Britain are displayed in the public shelters and in private homes of the people a placard, issued by the Lord Mayors of York, of Sheffield, of Hull and of Nottingham, and endorsed by the mayor of many of the cities and towns of the country, including Bristol, one of those large centres which has been severely shattered.

Entitled "Morale—How To Play Your Part," this placard says in part: "Forget yourself in helping your neighbors. In days of tension this casts out your own fears and worries. Help them to carry out all instructions about air raids, evacuation, rationing and waste."

Keep the moral standards of the nation high. Don't weaken the home front by trying to wrangle something for yourself on the quiet. Make a break with all personal indulgence, selfishness and private wars, which undermine national morale and unity. Everybody has his and her part to play in the moral re-arming of the nation.

"Be a rumor stopper—Those who love their country sacrifice the luxury of being the ones to pass on the 'news.' Any patriot shoots a rumor dead on sight. Face the facts but don't exaggerate them. Prepare to meet them instead. Faith, confidence and cheerfulness are as contagious as fear, depression and grumbling."

The secret of steadiness and inner strength is to listen to God and do what he says.

Forbear yourself by listening to God the first thing every morning. This provides a clear plan for every day and the power to work with other people in complete unity. . . . He offers limitless reserves of energy and initiative.

A British general who has fought through two wars says: "Wires may be cut and wireless stations destroyed, but no bombardment can stop messages from God coming through, if we are willing to receive them. To listen to God and to obey him is the highest national service for everybody everywhere."

Are we in Canada basing our sacrifice and war effort on the same foundation and are we relying on the same source of strength? It all depends upon the individual.

### More Cheques Cashed

#### Bureau Of Statistics Report Shows Big Increase Last Year

Values of cheques cashed by chartered banks in 23 Canadian centres was \$34,437,000,000 in 1940 compared with \$31,617,000,000 in 1939. The Dominion bureau of statistics reported.

The report said "greater economic activity" reflected in the indices of employment and the physical volume of business was responsible for the increase.

**Control THE SPASMS OF Whooping Cough with BUCKLEY MIXTURE S**

### British Defences

#### Hitter Will Meet Something When He Makes Invasion Attempt

Sir Walter Clitine, general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress, told Toronto workers at a mass meeting that "if ever there was a body of vigorous men it was that contingent which came over under General McNaughton."

He said that with British defences in their present state "Hitter will never in all his life be more cordially welcomed than if he attempts to invade England."

"We were in great danger in June," Sir Walter said, "but the United States came to our aid. It can be told now. They sent us 850,000 rifles when we did not have one for every five men."

A little word is not a little thing; For it may make, and it may mar, a king.

### No Extra Postage Parcels Redirected To Any Branch Or Service Without Charge

Parcels addressed to any member of the naval, land or air forces in Canada that fail to reach the addressees owing to transfer are to be redirected without further postage charges, the Canadian Legion was advised by Postmaster-General W. P. Mulock.

Decision to grant this privilege to men under arms came as a result of a letter from the legion to the postmaster-general citing an incident where heavy charges were made on a gift package that journeyed from one end of Canada to the other before it reached its destination. The legion acted on behalf of its Saskatchewan command to which the complaint from a service man was first made.

Mr. Mulock stated that instructions have now been issued that parcels addressed to men under arms must in future be redirected free of charge.

### Want War Training

#### Women Of Britain Would Join The Home Guard

Dr. Edith Summerskill, Socialist M.P. for West Fulham, has again appealed to the authorities to allow women to join the Home Guard and learn to defend themselves.

"Is it conceivable that if there were an invasion the women of London, Liverpool and of Coventry would return to their houses so as not to provoke the enemy?" she asked in the House of Commons.

"Would they not come out, bringing their household goods, if necessary, to barricade the streets? And who will applaud them most? Their menfolk."

"One has to get rid of this idea that women are weak, gentle creatures who must be protected. You may think so, but the modern enemy does not think so. Why, then, should they not also be allowed to defend themselves? You must cast aside prejudices and dismiss the 19th century conception of womanhood."

### English Prisoners Challenged

#### Defeated Nazi Guards At Soccer By Score Of 27 To Nil

Eleven Nazi guards at a camp of English prisoners in Germany fancied themselves as footballers, and challenged the prisoners to a game of soccer.

The prisoners didn't take long to pick a team, according to the account of the match received in London.

The English were leading by 27 goals to nil when the game came to an abrupt end.

Not until then did the humbled Germans learn that their opponents were the second team of the famous Aston Villa club of Birmingham. The players had enlisted altogether during the early months of the war and were captured at Dunkirk.

### SELECTED RECIPES

#### SCRAMBLED EGGS AND SAUSAGES

To serve six, crumble 12 Christie's Premium Soda Crackers, moisten with  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup milk, and stir in 4 eggs. Add 12 sausages. Heat in hot oil over moderate flame, stirring until thickened. Pan-fry 12 small link sausages. Serve eggs on warm plates surrounded with sausage.

#### PINEAPPLE PIE

1 package Lemon Jell-O  
2 tablespoons sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt  
1 cup boiling water  
2 egg yolks  
1 cup canned pineapple juice  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup drained canned crushed pineapple  
1 baked 9-inch pie shell

Combine Jell-O, sugar, salt, and 2 tablespoons water. Add egg yolks and stir well. Add remaining water gradually, stirring until Jell-O is dissolved. Add pineapple juice and when slightly thickened, fold in pineapple. Turn into cold pie shell and chill until firm. Serve plain or garnish with whipped cream and sprinkle with Baker's Cocnut, if desired.

### In Spite Of Handicap

#### Though Born Without Hands Girl Is Clever Shorthand-Typist

Eighteen-year-old Nan Lawrie, born without hands and with only one foot, is shorthand-typist in the clerk's department at Dundee, Scotland.

In engaging her, Lord Provost Wilson said: "Miss Lawrie had been studying shorthand for a year now and can write 100 words a minute by grasping the pencil between her two wrists." With her little stumps of wrists Nan types 55 words a minute.

Gaseous ammonia blown into irrigation water is being used as fertilizer in the West.

### Chantecler Slow Burning CIGARETTE PAPERS NONE FNER MADE

### Safety For Infants

#### A Special Warning Is Issued To Mothers By Toronto Doctor

A special warning to mothers has been issued by Dr. Alan Brown, physician-in-chief of the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children. During the past year 11 infants have died of accidental suffocation, and these deaths are due, says Dr. Brown, to the fact that mothers had not followed some of the simple rules in infant care.

Suffocation took place in most cases because the mother had rolled over on the child sleeping in her bed, or the child was allergic to feather pillows, furs or eiderdown, or had been left alone, with food in his mouth.

Dr. Brown advises mothers not to let the infant sleep in bed with them, not to use pillows in the child's bed, and never to leave the bottle in the baby's mouth when he is left alone. The infant should be fed at regular intervals, and then left, safely, to sleep or play. At all times the mother must be observant and cautious concerning the child's safety.

### Has Long Neck

#### British Columbia Clam Has Neck Three Feet Long

When Panopea generosa sticks his neck out it amounts to something. Imagine, if you please, a clam with a neck three feet long, or more. "Ridiculous?" Not so. There actually is a British Columbia clam which suffers a whole yard of pain if its neck chance to get sore. The name of the creature? Well, the scientific name has already been given, Panopea generosa, but the popular name is perhaps almost as amusing as the long neck for this clam is commonly called "goodeck," though the word is spelled "geoduck" or "geoduck."

"It's not abundant in British Columbia nor is it easy to take since it buries itself three feet or so in the sand. It is sought more for the fun of the thing than for any other reason and, indeed, in British Columbia's neighbor-state, Washington, just across the international border, there is a bag limit of three a day in geoduck hunting." — Canadian Fisheries Bulletin.

### Hard To Define

#### Luxury Does Not Mean Same Thing To Every Person

What is a luxury? What rule guides the promotion of a seeming necessity into the higher bracket to find place among the things no longer indispensable? The matter has given rise to much discussion of late, and the diversity of expressed opinion is as wide as the ocean and almost as stormy. On examination it resolves itself largely into a revival of that age-old situation where the point of view depends upon whose ox is being gored.—Ottawa Journal.

### Just A Routine Job

#### No Record Was Sought In Fast Trip Across Atlantic

When Capt. Pat Eves of London flew an American-built bomber plane across the Atlantic in an elapsed time of seven hours, the interval between breakfast and tea, he was probably not trying for a record, but merely performing the routine job of delivering the plane to England.

This is testimony to the progress aviation has made under the forced-draught pressure of war. Records tumble in the course of the everyday schedule. Undoubtedly Capt. Eves' 7-hour mark could be broken tomorrow if anyone had time to bother. No one will try, because it would risk a pair of good engines to push them harder than the safe cruising speed.

The military potency of a bomber that flies 1,800 miles in seven hours (although without a load of bombs) is something to think about. From London it could fly to Leningrad, Bucharest or Tripoli and back between lunch and a late supper. In the same time it could make two round trips to Berlin, or fly in a circle to Berlin to Belgrade to Rome and home again.

### Modern Battles Different

#### Fought Over Vast Area They Cannot Be Decided Quickly

In total war, the front is everything in the range of military planes. So there is nothing to call the war over the Isles but the Battle of Britain, which may go on for a year or two years, filled with incidents which would, in the older land warfare, be dignified each with its own name, but are lost now in the larger whole. Battles are no longer events like baseball, held on one ground on a hot afternoon and played to a quick decision. They are fought over a vast theatre, through a period of months, and in three dimensions. It is all confusing to those of us who are unaccustomed to getting along without an index in which names like Hastings and Waterloo, and Gettysburg and Manila Bay are set down in convenient rows.—Detroit News.

### Beating The Stukas

#### Britain Has Learned How To Cripple Nazi Dive Bombers

Hitler's Stuka divers have given a somewhat disturbing show of strength in the Mediterranean, but Britain has conquered them in the past, says the Hamilton Spectator, and she resolves to do so again. Her men aboard the trawlers in the English Channel have learned how to cripple these winged furies by a method of "fire-discipline" which consists in withholding fire until the Stuka is flattening out its dive.

### Governments In Exile

Sources at Washington reported that Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr., of Philadelphia, may go to London soon as ambassador to four countries whose governments are in exile. They are Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway. Biddle is ambassador to the Polish government in exile. He has been in the United States for several months.

### ENERGY For EVERYBODY



### Bee Hive Syrup

A grand flavour the whole family likes!

### Urges Economy

#### Governments, Municipalities And Individuals Should Curtail Expenses

R. C. Berkinshaw, president of the Toronto board of trade, called on the governments, municipalities and individuals of Canada "to curtail non-essential expenditures as much as possible and to economize wherever practicable in those expenditures which, perhaps, may be regarded as essential."

Speaking at the board's annual dinner, he said that it was only just that Canadians, enjoying the "tragic paradox" of wartime prosperity, "should be content to bear . . . a greater share of the cost of conflict."

"I trust that the greater our present payment be, the better it will be for the generations to come," Mr. Berkinshaw said.

### Old Custom In China

The custom of China sealing houses against outer air in cold weather sometimes causes death to entire families, when carbon monoxide gas is given off from the charcoal braziers used for heating.

### IS YOUR NOSE RED?

Sooths red nose and irritated nostrils now. He leaves the smiling, chinked-up misery of your nose. Mentholumat relieves your condition, or money back; goes into your nostrils and makes a sort of steam bath; healing vapors to all tissues assist; cleanse the head and nose and keep them clean.

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CHAPTER V.

The buzzer above her door roused Nancy Thorne from a Saturday afternoon nap. She stared at the ceiling for a minute, wondering what it meant. Then, suddenly wide awake, she pulled on her slippers and started for the door, as the buzzer sounded for a second time.

"Telephone for you!" The landlady's voice echoed up two flights of stairs.

"I'll be right down." Nancy all but ran down the long stairs. Who could be telephoning? Pat, probably. She hadn't heard from her beloved brother in a week. Or maybe Iris Bristol—though Iris was undoubtedly too busy with society affairs and her flying lessons to have time to spare for a working girl. It might be Tom Cantwell. She secretly hoped that it might be.

But it was Hugo Blake's precise voice that came over the wire.

"It looks like such a beautiful evening, Nancy. I wondered if you wouldn't have dinner, and perhaps go somewhere to dance with me?"

"Yes, I'd love to!" The words came out in a rush. For a moment she wished she could take them back.

"Fine. I'll call for you at 6."

She stood by the telephone for a minute or two. Did she really want to go with Hugo Blake? She hardly knew him—she for the evenings in the past week when he had brought reports for her to copy, and taken them away again. Somehow he didn't seem like the kind of person it would be fun to go dancing with. Too serious, or something like that.

Her spirits began to rise, however, as she set about getting ready. At least she wasn't going to be left all alone on a Saturday night. She would have a chance to dress up and go somewhere. Suddenly, while she was pinning up her coppery curly hair, preparatory to taking a bath, she began laughing.

It was like those Saturday nights in the summer time, when she was 17, when now and then Tom wouldn't phone, or when he and Pat decided to go off somewhere by themselves, scorning girls. She remembered how she used to wait until the very last minute, hoping he would change his mind and call, and then in desperation would agree to go out with that terribly unattractive boy next door, who used to pester her for dates. He was homely and didn't dance well, but at least she wouldn't be staying home on a Saturday night.

She washed out the rooming-house bathtub, filled it with water and added her last handful of bath

salt, resolved to take the most luxurious bath the meager facilities would afford. A bath, a facial and a manicure. By that time she felt almost gay.

What dress to wear? At least she had plenty of left-overs from better days. The white crepe with the sequin jacket? No, too formal. The printed dinner dress? That seemed a little too casual. At last she settled on a pale green organdy that billowed around her like a cloud, accenting and highlighting her glorious hair. The lovely little imported slippers that she'd considered throwing away because one sole was a trifle thin. Thank Heaven she'd kept them.

She added the last touch to her makeup just as the buzzer rang, announcing that Hugo Blake was below. Quickly she caught up a dark green wrap and the little sequin bag Pat had given her for Christmas, and hurried down the stairs, conscious at once of Hugo Blake's admiring glances, and her landlady's curious scrutiny.

"You look very beautiful," Hugo said.

Nancy wondered if she was blushing. It wasn't the kind of compliment one got from a man like Pat or Tom. Tom would have said, "Oh boy, you look swell!" If he'd said anything at all.

The car waiting outside wasn't the cheap little coupe, but a luxurious convertible. Nancy looked at it curiously as her companion closed the door after her.

"A new car?"

He shook his head. "No, not at all. I use the other to drive back and forth to the factory. I wouldn't like the other men working out there to get the idea I didn't need to load trucks for a living."

"Of course."

She leaned back against the soft upholstery and stared out the window at the trees and the lake as they flashed by. She had never dreamed she could be so comfortable again. A memory of the street car passed through her mind, and she sighed happily. This might only be for tonight, but she meant to savor every moment of it.

Hugo Blake seemed to sense her mood and they drove out through the city and the suburbs almost in silence. Twilight had fallen and the air grew cool before they drove up before a fashionable dining and dancing spot on the outskirts of the city.

It was a place that had long been a favorite of the old Nancy Thorne, and tonight the new Nancy felt almost that she was returning to her former self. There was the favorite table in the corner. There was the headwaiter, who bowed and smiled and said, "Good evening, Miss Thorne." He seemed to know Hugo Blake, too.

Meeting him away from the factory, in entirely new surroundings, Nancy was charmed by her new friend. The manner in which he ordered dinner enchanted her. Tom had used to thrust a menu in her hand and say, "Well, what do you want, kid?" Not Hugo Blake. He pondered over the selection of each dish, consulted her preferences and finally ordered what was to Nancy a perfect dream of a dinner.

She dipped a spoon into the chilled consomme the waiter set before her and smiled across the table.

"Happy?" Hugo Blake asked gently.

She nodded. "Wonderfully." "You look charming in that dress, that's like a pale green cloud."

She laughed. "I feel a little as though I might be riding on a cloud."

"That is how you should feel, always." He leaned forward a little, his face suddenly very earnest. "You don't belong in an office and a rooming house. This isn't the kind of life you were meant to have. You belong somewhere else."

He made an eloquent gesture. "Pretty clothes and nice motorcars—the best of everything. That's what you were intended for."

"Well, perhaps if I work hard, and always get to the office in time, maybe I'll get a raise some day."

He shook his blond head, smiling. "There are other ways, better ones."

It occurred to Nancy suddenly that he talked of everything in the world except himself. She studied him curiously across the table, trying not to stare. He was flawlessly dressed, perhaps too flawlessly. He lacked that casual, carefree air other men she knew seemed to have. Certainly he couldn't be called handsome, with his heavy, muscular shoulders and broad, amiable, almost stupid face, and his thick-lensed glasses. Well, no one could call Tom Cantwell handsome, either. Tom was rangy and almost awkward, his brown hair was always tousled, and his lean, tanned face was downright homely.

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"you'd better be a little more explicit about what you want me to do."

She could see Hugo Blake's head turn toward her in the semi-darkness.

"I think we do understand each other," he said slowly. "Can I count on your help?"

Only a split second passed before Nancy Thorne answered. "Yes, you can. Now what do you want me to do?"

Finds It Helpful

Man Has Changed His Mind About Church Attendance

It is interesting to read the article by Roger William Riles in the American Mercury, under the title, "Why I Go to Church." On a sudden winter six months ago, Mr. Riles entered a church, and thereafter started a survey of churches in general. Though he had scoffed at church attendance and had been one of those who say, "I'd rather go into the woods and worship alone," and claim the Sunday is their "day for loafing," he now states, "I am for church attendance."

The churches of to-day find, "something for civilization." After visiting Methodist, Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Jewish, Congregational, and other churches, he observes that church attendance is bigger than the skeptics think it is, and, since last spring, has shown definite signs of increasing. Significantly, he adds:

"In the nations where the churches flourished, they were the democracies, where the spirit of man is free . . . We cannot resist the destructive dynamics of Nazism and Communism unless we employ the constructive dynamics of the spirit."

In regard to church attendance, Mr. Riles declares: "What I have learned most about going to church is that it turns one's attention, willingly, to higher things for at least a little while each week. That feels to me, as though it were good for me."

Millions of other persons, too, it would appear, feel that it is good for them to change in his voice, a new seriousness.

Nancy laughed, almost uneasily.

"We've been talking all evening, haven't we?"

"I mean we can talk business," Hugo Blake said. There seemed to be a change in his voice, a new seriousness.

She was silent, waiting for him to go on.

"I think we can be frank with each other," he said slowly. "I feel that I need keep nothing from you, knowing how you feel about John Bristol—and what your real reason for working for him probably is."

"I don't know what you mean," Nancy said feebly.

"Come now, you can drop any pretenses. Your friend Tom Cantwell told me all about it—how Bristol ruined your father in business and caused his death—and plunged you into a life of poverty. He didn't know how useful that information would be to me, but he gave it just the same."

Nancy started to speak, then caught herself.

Hugo Blake went on: "As soon as I knew that, and discovered you were working for John Bristol under an assumed name—obviously so he couldn't detect your presence in his office—I understood right away what you were planning. But whatever you may have in mind to do to revenge yourself on John Bristol—it would probably be amateurish and futile, if you carry it out yourself. If you'll work with me, there will be a far better way."

He paused and added "and in addition to accomplishing those ends—you may be able to make some financial profit as well."

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The 200 people of lonely Pitcairn Island (where the mutineers of the Bounty took refuge) have made a gift of 844 walking sticks for maimed men. The sticks are beautifully made. To obtain some of the wood used, the islanders had to sail, in their small boats, 100 miles to another island.

#### CANADIAN LEGION

Montreal, Feb. 12.—(Special) Well in excess of one million cigarettes have been shipped overseas for free distribution among members of the Canadian Corps, Major-General W. Gibson, chairman of the "Buckskin Fund" has announced.

Since October 10 last year, when the first order for 100,000 was placed, donations from the public of pennies, nickels and dimes have made it possible to send regular shipments to the men. Some 50,000 were sent to Canadian troops in Iceland.

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#### V.M.C.A.

Believed to be the largest centre of its kind in Canada, the new V.M.C.A. Sports arena which occupies the International Building in exhibition camp, Toronto, was formally opened on January 27 before a crowd of two

### Viking Items.

The big news of the sporting world hereabouts the past few days has been the Edmonton bopspiel and the sensational playing of the rink skippered by Jack Slavik. The climax came on Saturday evening when a large crowd gathered in the Edmonton rink to see the final between Tommy Dykes rink, of Edmonton, and the Slavik rink as above mentioned. In the crowd were dozens of Viking citizens and former citizens now residents in the city who were present to give their moral support. Each good shot by any member of the two rinks was roundly applauded, but from all sides were pulling for Slavik to take the Grand Challenge.

Slavik's rink had no chance either getting into the finals of the Grand Challenge. They had to defeat such well known curlers as Manahan, of Edmonton, Billy Rose, of Sedgewick, and Coburn of Daysland. Slavik's win over Manahan on Friday afternoon was hailed with great rejoicing not only here but in the city. Our boys received a great deal of complimentary publicity from the city sports writers during the week, and Viking was placed on the curling map in a big way.

John Wilbur Wright was born in Cass City, Michigan on December 3, 1888. He came to Canada about 1900, settling in the Vegreville district. From there he moved to the Lorneville district, north of Viking, in 1929, residing there since that time. Mr. Wright died in the Viking municipal hospital on February 9th, 1941. He was predeceased by his wife in 1939 and by his daughter in 1926. There remain to mourn his passing from among them one brother and four sisters, all in the United States; also two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Rohrer of Irma and Mrs. Geo. Bridgeman of Jarow; one son, Percy, of the Lorneville district; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the United Church at Viking, conducted by Rev. J. D. Woollett of Jarow and Rev. H. G. Lester of Viking on February 11th at 2 p.m. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. H. Empey, A. E. Francis, A. H. Stewart, W. H. Bamforth, Stanley Bridgeman and J. B.

Campbell. Interment was made in the Viking cemetery.

The popularity of the International Harvester Co. entertainment sponsored by N. C. Graham, local dealer, was well demonstrated by the large attendance both at the afternoon and evening show held last Friday. The evening show was followed by a free dance which was also highly enjoyed, old-time music being furnished by Cummings orchestra.

Many phases of power farming were shown on the screen with the various types of tractors doing actual work in the fields. The sturdiness of the I.H.C. trucks was ably demonstrated with pictures of the trucks being driven on the proving grounds laid out with all the hazards imaginable. Sound films of Their Majesties' visit to Canada and other entertaining and amusing pictures were highly enjoyed. Between films, Mr. Summers of the I.H.C. Edmonton branch, explained various types of machinery and how to get the maximum power out of them. One point that was well taken was the care in using the proper kind of oil in Diesel engines so as to make for efficiency and long life.

The Viking creamery association is well represented at the dairymen's convention being held in Edmonton this week. Among those present are Tom Berg, Geo. A. Leades, Lars Wolsten, R. H. Roddick, H. S. Peterson, A. A. Burnham, and J. J. Skalitzky. Willie Currie, son of W. H. Currie, is at Post Nelson with a dog team hauling supplies for six air bases that are being constructed in that area. He left here about the first of the year and expects to be busy happy event to a close.

As a result of investigation by the dominion radio inspector here last week as to radio interference, it was discovered that much of this has been caused by electric heating pads and steps are being taken to eliminate this source of interference if possible. A banquet and reception for the Slavik rink is being planned by the executive of the Viking curling club, possibly Saturday evening, in the Viking hotel.

The Calgary Power staged their home making demonstration in the Elk hall on Monday evening before a fair sized crowd. The demonstration dealt with the proper kind of lights, combination of curtains, arrangement of pictures on the walls, etc. Past and future lighting systems were also shown and altogether the affair was most interesting and instructive. On account of illness the usual lady in charge was unable to be present, so a mere man was pressed into service and did a pretty good job of it. At the close the company presented some handsome and useful prizes to lucky ticket holders. The entire proceeds of the affair amounted to \$10.00 was donated to the Viking Red Cross Society.

### LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Enger of Entwistle, Alta., spent last week-end at the home of their son Martin Enger, and also visited Mrs. Alma Enger and family.

Mrs. G. Holt visited her father last week-end who is quite ill in Calgary.

A large crowd took in the free show by the International Harvester Co. on February 6th. The dance in the evening sponsored by the hockey club was not so well attended.

The annual meeting of the electors and ratepayers of Irma S.D. No. 2435 was held in the school house on Saturday evening, February 8th, with an attendance of 24. Mr. J. W. Milburn was appointed chairman. The various reports were accepted and several items pertaining to the district were discussed such as the high school agreement and the necessity for the addition of another class room. Mr. A. E. Peterson was re-elected as trustee by acclamation. A vote of thanks was extended to the board for services rendered.

A meeting of the board of trustees of Irma S.D. No. 2435 was held on February 10. Mr. J. W. Milburn was appointed chairman and E. W. Carter secretary-treasurer. Regular meetings will be held in the village office the second Monday in each month.

As Mr. Sharkey and those of his family at home were preparing to sit down to supper last Monday evening, February 10th, someone turned on the radio in time to hear a part of the program "With the Troops Overseas." This program which is a CBC presentation every Monday evening at 6 p.m., in part consisted of hockey game in London between teams representing eastern and western Canada. Mr. Sharkey and the others at home were agreeably surprised to hear the announcer mention his son's name, James Sharkey, right winger of the western team in the play by play broadcast of the game. Following the game, which was won by the westerners, each player came to the mike and said hello to their folks at home. It is a wonderful age in which we are living.

Mr. Jack Savard left here for Trenton, Ont., Feb. 6th, where he will train with a heavy armored brigade.

A lovely surprise shower was given in honor of Miss Lois Horn on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. Fletcher. The program consisted of delightful solos by Miss Dorothy Judd and Miss Marjorie McFarland, and piano selections by Miss E. Stewart. Then following a trail of "Oscar" alarms clocks the guest of honor found piles of lovely and useful parcels carrying the best of wishes for her in her marriage which takes place shortly. In Mr. Fred Jack. The hostesses, Mrs. R. Kasten, Mrs. R. Smith and Mrs. J. Fletcher, served a delicious lunch to bring a very happy event to a close.

#### C.N. RAILWAYS

Montreal, Feb. 12.—The London, Eng., staff of Canadian National Railways are still "carrying on" in the Cockspur St. office despite repeated bombing according to word received at railway headquarters. To date the London office has escaped serious damage, although one bomb landed 50 yards from the office, blowing the front windows to fragments. After the blast paving blocks were found on the roof.

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### The World of Wheat

H. G. L. Strange

A short time ago a best-selling book, and a movie made from the book created world-wide interest and discussion. The farmers in Oklahoma were shown as being driven from their land by grasping landlords who then farmed the land extensively with caterpillar tractors.

I have just returned from a visit to Oklahoma, and drove day after day over a large part of the state. I could find nothing whatever that even remotely resembled anything that I had read in this book. Instead I saw in almost every district well tilled fields, fine farm homes, excellent farm buildings, and farming families apparently moderately prosperous.

It is true that in one small part of Oklahoma a bad drought prevailed for several years, just as prevailed in parts of western Canada. But even in this area, I discovered, the majority of the Oklahoma farmers, just like our farmers in western Canada, steadfastly and courageously endured through the drought years, and waited patiently until the better years came, living thoroughly up to the spirit of the old Chinese agricultural poem, written over 8,000 years ago about a drought in ancient China, and which poem concludes "But I will strive just as long as I can survive."

This determination to stick to the land, in spite of all adversities, is typical of farmers in all countries.

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